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Italians bid farewell to film star Mastroianni

Mourners gather around the coffin of Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni as it is carried inside Rome's Capitoline Hill. Mastroianni's body was flown from Paris, where the star of some 160 films died Thursday of cancer at 72. He was to lie in state in Rome's city hall until a Sunday funeral.

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sible means to spy on Iraq, including the use of international organizations with humanitarian covers.

"The most foolish dream the American administration ever had was to try and change the government of Iraq," the daily al-Jumhuriya said.

The United States recently evacuated several thousand Kurds and other minorities from Iraq to protect them from reprisals by Iraqi security forces. Among those taken out were workers for international aid agencies.

Al-Iraq, a pro-government daily that claims to represent Iraqi

Kurds, suggested the evacuation was a CIA effort to end a failed espionage effort.

"They ended up with no positive results, which made them hurry in taking their agents out of Iraq before they fall in the hands of the faithful Iraqis," it said.

Air force officer Saad Daham Awad, the first of the alleged spies to speak on state television Friday night, said he got involved with the Kurds in the northern town of Irbil during drug deals. He said his Kurdish drug partners later asked him for information about military security offices.

It was not immediately clear whether the four men had been officially charged with spying, a crime punishable by death.

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